

support structure having feet means for positioning on a support surface and having upright structure extending upwardly from said feet means;

a tread base having a frame that includes a front, a rear, a left side, a right side and an endless belt positioned between said left side and said right side, said frame being connected to said support structure spaced from said front toward said rear to be movable between a first position in which said endless belt is positioned for operation by a user positioned thereon and a second position in which said rear of said frame is positioned toward said support structure; and

lift means interconnected between said support structure and said tread base to urge said tread base from said first position to said second position.

*1* Claim 7, line 1, change "6" to --13--.

*11* *10.* A treadmill comprising:

support structure having feet means for positioning on a support surface and having upright structure extending upwardly from said feet means;

a tread base having a frame that includes a front, a rear, a left side, a right side and an endless belt positioned between said left side and said right side, said frame being connected to said support structure spaced from said front toward said rear to be movable between a first position in which said endless belt is positioned for operation by a user positioned thereon and a second position in which said rear of said frame is positioned toward said support structure;

lift means interconnected between said support structure and said tread base to urge said tread base from said first position to said second position; and

means for stably retaining said tread base in said second position relative to said upright structure.

*12* *11.* The treadmill of claim *10*, wherein said means for stably retaining said tread base in said second position includes providing said tread base with a mass configured to

position the associated center of gravity of said tread base to stably retain said tread base in said second position when said tread base is moved to said second position.

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12. A treadmill comprising:

support structure having feet means for positioning on a support surface and having upright structure extending upwardly from said feet means;

a tread base having a frame that includes a front, a rear, a left side, a right side and an endless belt positioned between said left side and said right side, said frame being connected to said support structure to be rotatable about an axis of rotation spaced from said front toward said rear between a first position in which said endless belt is positioned for operation by a user positioned thereon and a second position in which said rear of said frame is positioned toward said support structure, said tread base having mass with a center of gravity positioned to retain said tread base in said second position when said tread base is in said second position; and lift means interconnected between said support structure and said tread base to urge said tread base from said first position to said second position.

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13. A treadmill comprising:

support structure having feet means for positioning on a support surface and having a left upright structure and a right upright structure extending upwardly from said feet means;

a tread base having a frame that includes a front, a rear, a left side, a right side and an endless belt positioned between said left side and said right side, said frame being connected to said support structure to be rotatable about an axis of rotation between a first position in which said endless belt is positioned for operation by a user positioned thereon and a second position in which said rear of said frame is positioned toward said support structure; and

a gas cylinder attached to said tread base between said rear and said axis of rotation and interconnected between one of said left side and said right side of said tread base and the corresponding one of said left upright structure and said right upright structure to

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